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Federal Election Commission  
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Dear General Counsel Herman:

I, Bill Armistead, the undersigned Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party, wish to report one or more violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act and underlying regulations by the Robert S. Vance, Jr. Campaign for Judge Committee, a state campaign committee registered under the Alabama Fair Campaign Practices Act with a reported address of 829 Linwood Road Birmingham, Alabama 35222 (the "Vance State Committee").

On June 18, 2008, the Vance State Committee made a \$2,000.00 contribution to the Obama Victory Fund, one of President Obama's official election campaign committees established to support both President Obama's 2008 election campaign and the Democratic National Committee, with an address of 233 N. Michigan Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (See the Vance State Committee's disclosure report as filed with the Alabama Secretary of State attached as Exhibit A hereto.) Subsequent to this contribution for a federal election, the Vance State Committee subsequently failed to register as a federal campaign committee with the Federal Election Commission as required under the Federal Election Campaign Act. Moreover, the Vance State Committee has failed to file any reports of subsequent activity with the Federal Election Commission as required under the Federal Election Campaign Act.

It is our understanding that 11 CFR § 100.5 (codifying 2 U.S.C. 431 (4), (5), (6)) provides that any state political committee which makes contributions to federal candidates or committees aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year is a federal political committee and is required to register under the Federal Election Campaign Act. Specifically, as provided in the Federal Election Commission's "Campaign Guide for Non-Connected Committees", page 3:

A nonconnected committee becomes a political committee once its contributions or expenditures exceed \$1,000 in a calendar year. 100.5(a). After the committee crosses that threshold, it must register within 10 days and periodically report all financial activities. 102.1(d).

It is our further understanding that this complaint is being filed within the five year statute of limitations for violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

We would request that the Federal Election Commission take all appropriate action to investigate this complaint and respond in accordance with applicable law and regulations.


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Complaint Regarding Vance State Committee

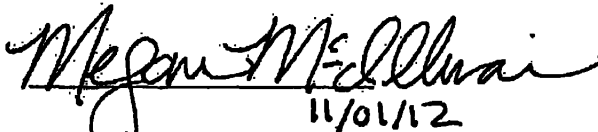
In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Election Commission, we are attaching three copies of this complaint.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Armistead,  
Chairman

Signed and sworn to before me by Bill Armistead  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November.

  
Notary Public (SEAL) 11/01/12

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**Exhibit A**

ALABAMA FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT  
**CANDIDATE / ELECTED OFFICIAL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**SUMMARY FORM 1A**

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Name of Candidate or Elected Official Robert S. Vance, Jr.		Political Party/Ballot Affiliation Democratic	
Office Sought or Held (include district or circuit number, if applicable) Jefferson County Circuit Judge (place 21)			
Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if reporting new address 716 N. Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd.			
City Birmingham	State AL	ZIP Code 35203	Telephone Number 205-325-5035

Type of Report (check one)

- ☒ Annual Report for Year 2008  
☐ Termination Report  
☐ Amended Annual Report for Year \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION I - Summary of activity from last filed report through December 31 of reporting year -**

1	Beginning balance (ending balance from previous filing)	1	\$22,485.00
<b>Cash Contributions</b>			
2a	Itemized cash contributions (total from Form 2)	2a	\$0.00
2b	Non-itemized cash contributions	2b	\$0.00
2c	Total cash contributions (add lines 2a and 2b)	2c	\$0.00
<b>In-Kind Contributions</b>			
3a	Itemized in-kind contributions (total from Form 3)	3a	\$0.00
3b	Non-itemized in-kind contributions	3b	\$0.00
3c	Total in-kind contributions (add lines 3a and 3b)	3c	\$0.00
<b>Receipts from Other Sources</b>			
4	Total receipts from other sources (total from Form 4)	4	\$0.00
<b>Expenditures</b>			
5a	Itemized expenditures (total from Form 5)	5a	\$9,797.91
5b	Non-itemized expenditures	5b	\$804.89
5c	Total expenditures (add lines 5a and 5b)	5c	\$9,602.80
6	Ending balance (add lines 1, 2c, & 4, then subtract line 5c)	6	\$12,882.20

**SECTION II - Summary of activity for entire reporting year - January 1st through December 31st**

7	Beginning balance (as of January 1 of reporting year)	7	\$22,485.00
8	Total cash contributions for year	8	\$0.00
9	Total in-kind contributions for year	9	\$0.00
10	Total receipts from other sources for year	10	\$0.00
11	Total expenditures for year	11	\$9,602.80
12	Ending balance (add lines 7, 8, & 10, then subtract line 11)	12	\$12,882.20
13	Total campaign debt (total debt owed as of December 31)	13	

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January of the year 2009. My commission expires the 3rd day of April of the year 2010.

[Signature]  
 Signature of Notary Public

Quinn E. Roberts Jr.  
 Print Notary's Name

As required by the Alabama Fair Campaign Practices Act, I hereby swear or affirm to the best of my knowledge and belief that the attached report(s) and the information contained herein are true and correct and that this information is a full and complete statement of all contributions, expenditures, and other required information during the applicable period of time.

[Signature] 1-7-09  
 Signature of Candidate or Elected Official Date

FORM REVISED 10-23-08

ANNUAL REPORT

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## ALABAMA FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

# FORM 5: EXPENDITURES

BY CANDIDATE OR ELECTED OFFICIAL - INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER CANDIDATES, POLITICAL PARTIES, AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES

NAME OF CANDIDATE / ELECTED OFFICIAL: Robert S. Vance, Jr.

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The FCPA requires that expenditures over \$100 be itemized.

PERSON/GROUP/BUSINESS RECEIVING EXPENDITURE (INCLUDE FULL NAME)	ADDRESS (ADDRESS SHOULD INCLUDE STREET OR P.O. BOX, CITY, STATE, AND ZIP)	PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE (CHECK ONE)										DATE OF EXPENDITURE (mo./day/yr.)	AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE
		Administrative	Advertising	Consultants/ Polling	Contribution	Food	Fundraising	Loan Repayment	Lodging	Transportation	OTHER GIVE BRIEF EXPLANATION		
SEE ATTACHED EXPENDITURE LIST													
TOTAL EXPENDITURES THIS PAGE												\$0.00	

**Robert S. Vance, Jr. Disbursement Report**  
**01/01/2008-12/31/2008**

Recipient	Recipient's Address	City/State	Purpose	Date	Amount
Robert S. Vance, Jr.	829 Linwood Road	Birmingham, AL 35222	Reimbursed office expenses (refrigerator & microwave)	01/02/08	305.61
Bethel Baptist Church Restoration Fund	3233 29th Avenue North	Birmingham, AL 35207	Charitable contribution	01/14/08	500.00
West Jefferson SCLC	P.O. Box 3591	Hueytown, AL 35023	Charitable Contribution	01/14/08	200.00
Concerned Citizens of Bessemer	P.O. Box 830	Bessemer, AL 35021	Political Contribution (Annual dinner)	02/14/08	240.00
Kwanis Club of Birmingham	2019 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North	Birmingham, AL 35203	Quarterly Dues	02/19/08	258.75
Robert S. Vance, Jr.	829 Linwood Road	Birmingham, AL 35222	Reimbursed office expenses (lodging & mileage to Bench & Bar retreat)	03/03/08	229.60
Jefferson County Democratic Conference	460 Carriage Hills Drive	Bessemer, AL 35022	Political Contribution (Annual dinner)	03/25/08	320.00
Committee to Elect Clyde Jones	P.O. Box 10005	Birmingham, AL 35202	Political contribution	04/28/08	2000.00
Kwanis Club of Birmingham	2019 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North	Birmingham, AL 35203	Quarterly Dues	05/15/08	258.75
Obama Victory Fund	11 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 233 N. Michigan Ave.	Chicago, IL 60601	Political Contribution	06/18/08	2000.00

Jeffco Court Administration	716 N. Richard Arlington Jr. Blvd.	Birmingham, AL 35203	Flower Fund	06/20/08	100.00
Birmingham Inns of Court	P.O. Box 59591	Birmingham, AL 35259	Annual Dues	08/22/08	130.00
Birmingham Young Democrats	P.O. Box 13233	Birmingham, AL 35202	Political Contribution	08/22/08	100.00
Ala. Labor Council	435 S. McDonough St.	Montgomery, AL 36104	Political Contribution (Annual Dinner)	08/22/08	100.00
Kiwanis Club of Birmingham	2019 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North	Birmingham, AL 35203	Quarterly Dues	08/27/08	258.75
AT&T Pioneers	4183 Willow Bend Drive	Gardendale, AL 35071	Charitable Contribution	09/02/08	100.00
Jeff. County Democratic Committee	P.O. Box 10522	Birmingham, AL 35202	Political Contribution (Blue Dot Ball)	09/08/08	150.00
Alabama State Bar	P.O. Box 671	Montgomery, AL 36101	Annual License Fee	09/20/08	150.00
Birmingham Kiwanis Club	2019 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North	Birmingham, AL 35203	Quarterly Dues	11/07/08	276.45
Ala. Association of Circuit Judges	P.O. Box 515	Greenville, AL 36037	Annual Dues	11/14/08	120.00
Comm. To Elect Shanta Owens	P.O. Box 170386	Birmingham, AL 35217	Political contribution	12/02/08	1,000.00
				TOTAL	\$8,797.91